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House Standing Committee on  
Natural Resources, Great Lakes,  
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519 House Office Building  
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: SB282 & HB4444

Dear Committee Members:

Since the introduction of SB 282 in March 2005, the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners ("MACDC") has worked diligently with Senator Gilbert and Representative Pavlov on changes to the bills that will accurately reflect the intentions of the Legislature. After several meetings and discussions with Senator Gilbert and Representative Pavlov, MACDC is pleased to provide its support of SB 282 and HB 4444 as revised.

The revisions to SB 282 and HB 4444 now provide better clarity in the law relative to exempt activities, and allow normal residential activities to occur that are not a threat to the waters of the State or adjoining properties.

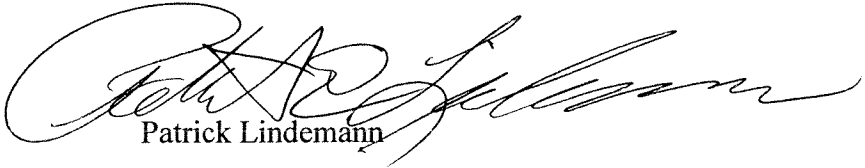
On behalf of MACDC, I would like to thank both Senator Gilbert and Representative Pavlov and their staff for their continued cooperation and problem-solving approach in drafting revisions that accurately reflect the intent of the bills. I would also like to compliment them on their ability to facilitate changes to the current Michigan law on soil erosion and sedimentation without creating a possibility for "loopholes" in the law that could lead to damage to the environment.

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Once again, I appreciate Senator Gilbert and Representative Pavlov's willingness to meet with the MACDC regarding these bills and I look forward to working with them and their colleagues in the future on matters relevant to Michigan's important water resources.

Sincerely,

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF  
COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONERS



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